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Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of Electronics & Information Technology be pleased to state: -

(a) whether the Ministry has formulated the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP);

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of data sets released on the Open Government Data (OGD) Platform;

(c) whether State Governments have requested for assistance and support to setup State government Data portals;

(d) if so, the details thereof, state-wise and the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Ministry to encourage pro-active sharing of datasets by various ministries and State Governments?

Answer

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. The Union Government through Ministry of Science and Technology has formulated the National Data Sharing and Accessibility Policy (NDSAP), while Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) is the nodal Ministry to implement the policy.

The Department of Science of Technology under Ministry of Science and Technology has formulated the NDSAP through close collaboration with other line Ministries and MeitY by creating "data.gov.in" through National Informatics Centre (NIC). The NDSAP had identified MeitY as the nodal Ministry for the implementation of the policy through NIC, while Department of Science and Technology continues to be the nodal department on policy matters. The policy was notified by the Department of Science and Technology (Govt. of India Gazette dated 17th March 2012). In pursuance of the NDSAP- Policy notified by Government of India in March 2012, MeitY through NIC has set up the Open Government Data (OGD) Platform India - https://data.gov.in/ to provide open access by proactive release of the data available with various ministries/ departments/ organizations of Government of India.

OGD Platform is available as Software as a Service (SaaS) model. It is envisaged that Ministries/Departments would release datasets on proactive/auto consumption basis through Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)/Web Services i.e. in line with the principles of Open by Default from all e-Government Service Applications particularly from Digital India initiative of the Government.

Further, Open Government Data License of India has been recently approved by the Ministry (MeitY) to ensure that the data sets released are not misused or misinterpreted (for example, by insisting on proper attribution), and that all users have the same and permanent right to use the data.

As on November 24, 2016 more than 44, 368 datasets have been contributed on OGD Platform by 111 (103 Central, 8 State) nominated Chief Data Officers (CDOs) from 102 Ministry/ Departments.

(c): Yes, Sir. The State Governments have requested for assistance and support to setup State government Data portals.

(d): Few States are contributing data directly on data.gov.in. Sikkim is the first State with its own Data Portal (https://sikkim.data.gov.in/), which was launched on 10th June, 2016. The Open Government Data Portal of the Surat Municipal Corporation (https://surat.data.gov.in/) was launched on 23rd October, 2016. Some States have published datasets on OGD Platform.

(e): Following activities has been conducted to encourage Ministries and States to release more data on OGD Platform:

â€¢ Regular persuasions are being made with the user departments & organizations at Central and State level for encouraging them for pro-active release of datasets.
â€¢ Workshops/Training/Awareness Sessions have been conducted for Chief Data Officers, Data Contributors of various Ministry/Departments.
â€¢ State level workshops have been conducted.
â€¢ Events / Apps Challenges / Hackathons have been organized for Citizen / Community engagement.
â€¢ Introduced 'Open Data Champion' category in the Web Ratna Awards of NIC since 2014 to motivate departments to publish open

datasets.

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